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SUBJECT: 62D ECOSOC -- DECADE FOR WOMEN, VOLUNTARY FUND

1. MISSION IS FORWARDING BY POUCH TO IO/IWP, HENDSCH A COPY OF THE REPORT PREPARED BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UK ON THE FIRST MEETING ON THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON THE VOLUNTARY FUND FOR THE UN DECADE FOR WOMEN HELD MARCH 21-23, 1977.

2. DEPT WILL RECALL THIS COMMITTEE IS COMPOSED OF FIVE REPS, ONE FROM EACH REGIONAL GROUP AND INCLUDES GDR, JAMAICA, NIGERIA, PHILIPPINES, AND THE UK. THE REPORT SHOWS THAT THE FUND HAS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE \$1,985,599. THE PROJECTS PRESENTED TO THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP FOR APPROVAL CALLED FOR EXPENDITURES OF \$1,700,000 FROM THE FUND. THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE DECIDED TO DEFER ALL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EXPENDITURES UNTIL ITS NEXT MEETING WHICH WILL BE HELD JUNE 20-24. THE MEMBERS OF THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP WERE NOT SATISFIED THAT THE PROJECTS PRESENTED ARE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRIORITIES ESTABLISHED IN GA RESOLUTION 31/133. FOR EXAMPLE, THE PROJECTS PRESENTED INCLUDED ASSIGNING A FULL-TIME WOMEN'S PROJECT OFFICER TO EACH OF THE REGIONAL COM-

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MISSIONS AT A COST OF \$50,000 PER YEAR AND FUNDING OF OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION ACTIVITIES FOR BULETINS, POSTERS AND SEMINARS AT A COST OF \$160,000. THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP RECEIVED NO ADVANCE DOCUMENTATION ON THE PROPOSALS AND FELT THAT THEY DID NOT HAVE TIME TO ADEQUATELY PREPARE AND CONSULT WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GROUP ON THE EXPENDITURES OF THE FUND.

THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE HAS DECIDED TO ASK THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS TO SUBMIT A SHORT LIST OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS WHICH THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE CONSIDERED FOR FUNDING AT THE JUNE MEETING.

3. IF THE DEPT HAS ANY SUGGESTIONS WITH RESPECT TO PROJECT PRACTICES WHICH SHOULD BE PASSED ON TO THE UK REP, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING SUCH COMMENTS PRIOR TO THE JUNE MEETING.

4. WE FEEL THAT THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP SHOULD BE COMMENDED FOR ITS EFFORTS TO PROMOTE THE USE OF THE FUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ESTABLISHED CRITERIA AND TO PLACE EMPHASIS ON THE USE OF THE FUND FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS.

5. IF THE US WILL BE A CONTRIBUTOR TO THE FUND, WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT THE US CONTRIBUTION BE DESIGNATED FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS, POSSIBLY WITH REFERENCE TO A SPECIFIC REGIONAL AREA. WE MIGHT, FOR EXAMPLE, WISH TO DEVELOP A PROJECT IN THE LATIN AMERICAN REGION FOR WHICH WE COULD MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO THE VOLUNTARY FUND.  
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